

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method for detecting an analyte in a liquid sample, the method comprising the following steps:

a) providing a porous solid support ~~provided with~~ comprising a collection zone, ~~and a detection zone is provided, and~~ a capture reagent ~~being~~ immobilized in the detection zone;

b) depositing the following ~~are deposited~~, separately, successively and extemporaneously, in the collection zone of the porous solid support:

i) a liquid comprising a binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label, ~~the reagent being in liquid form, and~~

ii) the liquid sample,

c) allowing an amount of time sufficient for the migration, by capillary diffusion, of the binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label and of the liquid sample to migrate, by capillary diffusion, from the collection zone to the detection zone of the porous solid support is allowed to elapse, and

d) determining whether the analyte is present in the sample by observing the extent to which the whether any said binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label attaches in the detection zone is observed.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, in which, in step b), the liquid sample is deposited upstream of the binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label, relative to ~~the~~ a direction of migration from the collection zone to the detection zone of the porous solid support.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for detecting an analyte in a liquid sample, the method comprising the following steps:

a) providing a porous solid support ~~provided with~~ comprising a collection zone, ~~and a detection zone is provided, and~~ a capture reagent ~~being~~ immobilized in the detection zone;

b) depositing the following ~~are deposited~~, separately, successively and extemporaneously, in the collection zone of the porous solid support:

i) a liquid comprising a binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label, ~~the reagent being in liquid form,~~

ii) the liquid sample, and

iii) a diluent in liquid form,

c) allowing an amount of time sufficient for the migration, by capillary diffusion, of the binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label, of the liquid sample, and of the diluent to migrate, by capillary diffusion, from the collection zone to the detection zone of the porous solid support is allowed to elapse, and

d) determining whether the analyte is present in the sample by observing the extent to which the whether any said binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label attaches in the detection zone is observed.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for detecting an analyte in a liquid sample, the method comprising the following steps:

a) providing a porous solid support comprising ~~provided with~~ a collection zone, ~~and a detection zone is provided, and~~ a capture reagent ~~being~~ immobilized in the detection zone;

b) depositing the following ~~are deposited~~, separately, successively and extemporaneously, in the collection zone of the porous solid support:

- i) the liquid sample,
- ii) a liquid comprising a binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label, ~~and the reagent being in liquid form,~~
- iii) a diluent in liquid form,
- c) ~~allowing an amount of time sufficient for the migration, by capillary diffusion, of the binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label, of the liquid sample, and of the diluent to migrate, by capillary diffusion, from the collection zone to the detection zone of the porous solid support is allowed to elapse,~~
- d) determining whether the analyte is present in the sample by observing ~~the extent to which the~~ whether any said binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label attaches in the detection zone ~~is observed.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 16, in which, in step b), the diluent in liquid form is deposited upstream of the binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label and upstream of the liquid sample, relative to ~~the~~ a direction of migration from the collection zone to the detection zone of the porous solid support.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein ~~in which~~ the binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label and the capture reagent immobilized in the detection zone are selected ~~make it possible to detect the analyte by means of a sandwich assay.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, ~~in which~~ wherein the binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label and the capture reagent immobilized in the detection zone are selected ~~make it possible to detect the analyte by means of a competition assay.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, in which the porous solid support is a porous solid support in the form of a chromatographic strip or a narrow strip.

22. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, in which the porous solid support is integrated into a support to be gripped provided with at least one observation window for observing ~~the extent to which the~~ whether any said reagent conjugated to a particulate label attaches in the detection zone of the porous solid support.

23. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 22, ~~in which~~ wherein the support to be gripped is provided with at least one opening for depositing, respectively, the liquid sample, the binding reagent conjugated to a label and, where appropriate, the diluent, in the collection zone of the porous solid support.

24. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 15, ~~in which~~ wherein the porous solid support is integrated into a support to be gripped, the support to be gripped provided with at least one observation window for observing ~~the extent to which the~~ whether any of said reagent conjugated to a particulate label attaches in the detection zone of the porous solid support; the ~~porous solid support being~~ support to be gripped also provided with a first opening for depositing the binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label in the collection zone of the porous solid support and with a second opening, upstream of the first opening, for depositing the liquid sample in the collection zone of the porous solid support.

25. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, in which the porous solid support is integrated into a support to be gripped provided with at least one observation window for observing ~~the extent to which the~~ whether any of said reagent conjugated to a particulate label attaches in the detection zone of the porous solid support; the support to be gripped being also provided with a first opening for depositing the binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label and the sample in the collection zone of the porous solid support, and

with a second opening, upstream of the first opening, for depositing the diluent in liquid form in the collection zone of the porous solid support.

26. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 22, in which the support to be gripped ~~consists of~~ comprises a casing.

27. (New) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein step d) further comprises measuring an amount of binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label that attaches in the detection zone.

28. (New) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein step d) further comprises measuring an amount of binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label that attaches in the detection zone.

29. (New) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein step d) further comprises measuring an amount of binding reagent conjugated to a particulate label that attaches in the detection zone.